

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. After welcoming those present, he asked Mark Page to read the minutes from the 1993 annual meeting. Following the reading, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Walter Borla to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Doug Horsley. The motion passed.

Chairman Bryner asked Mr. Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer for Distribution, to review the 1993 financial statement. Mr. Sim indicated that as of January 1, 1993 there was \$9447.38 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 1993 amounted to \$22,996.15 in regular assessments, \$33.54 in delinquent penalties, \$362.75 in interest, for a total of \$23,037.56. It should be noted that the only overexpenditure occurred in the Health and Life Insurance premiums in the amount of \$477.12. However, there was a surplus of \$662.44 that was budgeted that was not used. As of December 31, 1993, there was \$9802.26 in the account. It should also be noted that there are three delinquent accounts which total \$159.55, that need to be collected. One of the accounts in the amount of \$86.52 has been paid. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Carly Burton to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Vernon Jones, and the voting was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to make a brief report on his activities during 1993. Mr. Davis indicated that there was 49,795.7 AF of direct flow water used, of which 41,173.1 AF was used for irrigation purposes, 7307.5 AF for M & I, and 1,314.1 AF in the East Carbon-Sunnyside area. A total of 25,731.4 AF of reservoir was diverted. Of this amount, 22,745 AF was used for irrigation purposes, and 2,353 AF for M & I uses. It should also be noted that 161 AF of water was pumped from the UP&L #1 Well. Total diversion for the system for 1993 was 75,688.1 AF.

Mr. Davis indicated that he appreciated the cooperation of the water users during the 1993 water year. He indicated that Scofield Reservoir peaked on June 1, 1993 at 55,900 AF, and its lowest elevation occurred on October 6, 1993 with 31,329 AF. It should be noted that last year on this date there was 4080 AF in the reservoir. Today there is 34,528 AF.

Mr. Davis made the following recommendations that would help in the delivery of water during the 1994 irrigation season:

- 1) He asked that each of the companies and water users maintain their measuring devices, and their ditches in the immediate vicinity of the devices.

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- 2) He asked that the watermasters for each of the ditches coordinate their water needs with him prior to adjusting their headgates.

Following this report, Dale Mathis made a motion to accept the Commissioner's report, the motion was seconded by Walter Borla, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of a budget for 1994. Jack Chiaretta made a motion that the budget for 1994 reflect the same figures as 1993, with the exception that the salary should be increased 6%, and the amount budgeted for Health and Life Insurance premiums be increased to cover the anticipated cost. It should also be noted that the travel expenses should be reduced by 2/3. It was indicated that Mr. Davis is now operating Scofield Reservoir, and the additional amount required for mileage will be paid by the Carbon County Water Conservancy District. The motion also included that the assessment should equal the amount of the budget. The motion was seconded by Corky Strong and all present voted in the affirmative. The 1994 budget is as follows:

Salary	\$10,600.00
Social Security	810.00
Retirement	1,460.00
Travel	2,000.00
Bonding Expenses	50.00
Health & Life Ins. Premiums	5,700.00
Annual Report	300.00
Miscellaneous	205.00
Total	\$21,125.00

The next item of business before the group was the appointment of a Commissioner for 1994. Jack Chiaretta made a motion that the System recommend to the State Engineer that Bob Davis be retained for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Dale Mathis, and passed by a unanimous consent of those in attendance.

Chairman Bryner indicated that a Committee should be appointed to serve during 1994. Carly Burton made a motion that the same committee be retained for another year. The motion was seconded by Doug Horsley. All present voted in the affirmative. The Committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner
Jack Chiaretta
Sam Rawson
Gary Sonntag

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Industrial Representative
Municipal Representative

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Mr. Sim indicated that for the past several years the funds of the Price River Distribution System have been kept in Zion's Bank. However, recently it has been found that these funds should be deposited with the State Treasurer. It is anticipated that this will occur in January, 1995. He indicated that this should provide some financial benefit because the State Treasurer pays a higher interest rate than the private banking institutions.

On another item of business, Mr. Sim indicated that there are several stream gaging stations associated with the distribution of water on the Price River System. It is noted that it is becoming very expensive to maintain these stations on an annual basis, and it may become necessary in the future to have the Distribution System assist in the payment of the annual maintenance costs. The other option would be for the Distribution System to take over the maintenance of the stations, which would require the purchase of the necessary equipment and the training of an individual to operate the stations.

The final item on the agenda concerned the assessments being made to the Farnham Ditch. It was pointed out that the Commissioner does not regulate the water to this diversion, however he has made an attempt to account for the water that is diverted. This has been very difficult because of the lack of a measuring device. The water users on this ditch indicated that they have upgraded the system considerably in the last several years, however, because there is very little fall on the ditch, it would be very difficult to install an accurate measuring device without interfering with the carrying capacity of the ditch. Mr. Sim indicated that this matter would be reviewed, and a decision would be made in the near future as to whether or not an assessment should be levied at the regular rate, at a reduced rate, or potentially no assessment at all.

With no further items to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Those present included:

Ernest Bruno
Walter L. Borla
Carly Burton
Sam Rawson
Corky Strong
Vernon Jones
Dale Mathis
Doug Horsley
Ray Prettyman
Adolph Bruno
Frank Romano
Jack Chiaretta
Tain Clark
Robert Davis
Casey Ford
Rick Wilde
Tim Gwyther
Cobb Johnson
Smokey Clark
John S. Larsen
Lee Sim
Mark Page
Phillip P. Palmer
Gary D. Sonntag
Ned McCourt
Kerwin Jensen

Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company
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UP&L
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Price Water Company
Allred Ditch Company
Pioneer Ditch #1
Gordon Creek
Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Carbon Canal Company
Farnham Ditch
Price River Commissioner
Div. of Water Rights - Price
Div. of Water Rights - Price
PacifiCorp - Carbon Plant
Price City Corporation
Farnham Ditch
Div. of Water Rights - SLC
Div. of Water Rights - SLC
Div. of Water Rights - Price
Price River Water Improvement Dist.
Price City Engineer
Wellington Canal Company
KFJ Ranch